

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Examiner: DAVIS, Deborah, A. Art Unit: 1655  
Re: Application of: JEONG, Tae-Sook, *et al.*  
Serial No.: 10/591,282  
Filed: August 31, 2006  
For: **NOVEL ABIETANE DITERPENOID COMPOUND,  
AND COMPOSITION COMPRISING EXTRACT OF  
TORREYA NUCIFERA, OR ABIETANE  
DITERPENOID COMPOUNDS OR TERPENOID  
COMPOUNDS ISOLATED FROM THEM FOR  
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF  
CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE**  
Confirmation No.: 9406

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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April 28, 2008

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 31, 2008, the following remarks are made:

**A. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Examiner required Applicants to elect one of the two-identified groups for initial examination. The two-identified groups are as follows:

I. Claims 1 and 6-8, drawn to an abietane diterpenoid compound and a composition comprising anyone of formulas 1-5; and

II. Claims 2-5, and 8, drawn to a composition comprising *T. nucifera* extracts.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute in this patent application Group I, claims 1 and 6-8, drawn to an abietane diterpenoid compound and a composition comprising anyone of formulas 1-5.

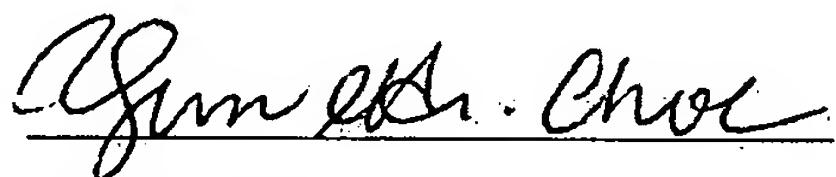
B. **FEES**

This response is being filed timely. No fee is believed to be required. If, on the other hand, it is determined that any further fees are due or any overpayment has been made, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit such sum to Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The fee associated therewith is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2275.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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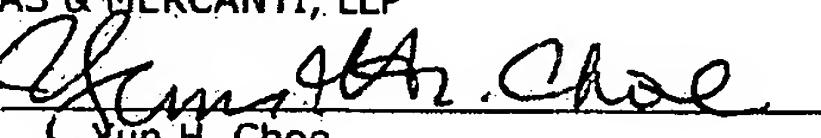
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